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BIG MEETING IS ARRANGED FOR THE LIT.

Plans For Mock Parliament To Be Drawn Up.

PROMINENT GRADS.

Topic One Of Great Interest and Importance.

The last week of the term is an awkward time for the drawing up of a programme, and the executive of the "Lit." have encountered a certain amount of difficulty in making arrangements for the next meeting of the society. All obstacles have now been cleared away, however, and the date for one of the most important meetings of the session has been fixed for Wednesday, the 17th.

Not only is Wednesday's debate to be on a topic of great interest and national importance, but plans for a Mock Parliament are to be drawn up with three prominent and experienced McGill graduates acting as advisers.

Mr. A. Knatchbull-Hugessen, ex-premier of the last Mock Parliament, has consented to place his valuable experience in these matters at the disposal of the "Lit." He will also act as judge of the debate. Mr. Art. Mathewson, former president of the Students' Council, will also be present, in addition to an equally prominent grad, who has expressed the wish that he may remain incognito for the time being.

The importance of the subject for the debate — "Resolved: That the costs of the war should be met by a levy on Capital" — cannot be over-emphasized. To many, the very idea of a levy on Capital spells Bolshevism in its most terroristic form; while to others the arguments for such a step seem absurdly incontestable. The matter is not so simple, however, and has of late become a question of supreme importance in the eyes of the most celebrated statesmen and economists of the world.

Law '22, hitherto undefeated, is to be represented by Whitehall and Abbott, who will speak for the affirmative; while Farthing and Franklin, of Arts '21, will handle the negative side of the debate. All these men have had considerable experience in debating, and, with a subject such as the one under discussion, the debate should prove both lively and well-contested. When the general discussion after the debate has been closed, the resolution will be put to a vote of those present. This system has been followed almost universally by the big Union Debating Societies of Oxford, Cambridge and other Universities on both sides of the Atlantic, and will give added interest to the general discussion, which is, after all, the best school for impromptu speaking.

An added innovation is the fact that the debate is to be held in the Union. Such a step is only compatible with an organization as important as the "Lit.", and it is only to be hoped that such a step will serve to make the regular meetings of the "Lit." more popular and more strictly of a University character. It is hoped that there will be a representative gathering from all faculties, as a special committee is to be formed for the management of the Mock Parliament.

WHAT'S ON

TO-DAY.
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5.05 p.m.—Meeting of the Executive of Chess Club, in Union.
5.15 p.m.—Advanced class in boxing to meet in Union.
5.30 p.m.—Fencing practice, at the Union.
5.45 p.m.—Sci. 2nd year vs. Med. 3rd year, Indoor Baseball, at High School Gymnasium.
6.15 p.m.—Beginners' boxing class, at Union.
6.30 p.m.—Med. 1st year vs. Commerce 1st year, Indoor Baseball, at High School Gymnasium.
7.15 p.m.—Pole team to meet at the Union.

Coming.
Tues. 16th, 5.15 p.m.—Meeting of and Polo Clubs, at Union.
Tues. 16th, 7.00 p.m.—Meeting of E. T. Club Executive, at Union.
Tues. 16th, B. W. and F. Smoker.
Wed. 17th, 1.00 to 2.00 p.m. and 5.00 to 6.00 p.m.—C.F.R. Ticket Agent at Union for Students going East.
Wed. 17th—Arts Senior Dinner.
Wed. 17th—Canadian Club address, at the "Hall."
Wed. 17th—Meeting of the Lit.
Thurs. 18th—Eastern Townships Club Smoker.
Thurs. 18th—Mr. B. C. Sircar's lecture, at Strathcona Hall.
Thurs. 18th—Orchestra practice, in the Union.

TWO BASKET-BALL GAMES PROVE WINS

McGill Juniors and Intermediates Take Both Fixtures.

OUTCLASSED RIVALS.

Our Men Played Superior Games and Won By Big Scores.

Saturday evening the Juniors and Intermediates journeyed to North Branch Y.M.C.A. to play the Juniors and Intermediates teams there. The Juniors played first and won by the large score of 35-16. The score about indicates the relative merits of the teams. McGill played better combination throughout the game, and this gave them the victory. The game was not particularly fast, except towards the end of the last half, when McGill seemed to gather strength, and completely outclassed their opponents. Mendelsohn, for McGill, put up a fine game throughout, scoring a large number of points. Amaron and MacCaffrey checked well for McGill, while Paterson and Killingsbeck were the pick of the North Enders, the latter especially being very good.

The line-up:
McGill N.B. Y.M.C.A.
Mendelsohn.....Home.....Paterson
Read.....".....Redfern
Amaron.....Centre.....Jones
Martin.....Defence.....Killingsbeck
MacCaffrey.....".....Smith
Final Score, 35-16.
Referee—Corriveau.

The Intermediates had no trouble in trimming their opponents 31 to 15. During the first half the play was fairly even, the half time score being 16-11 in McGill's favor. Little was the star of the game, his shooting from all angles being marvellous. MacPhail put up a very good game in this half for McGill, and McCoo showing well for Y.M.C.A. In the second half, McGill simply ran away from their opponents, tallying 15 points to the opposing team's 4. North Branch checking was poor and their shooting wild, they also showed lack of team work. On the other hand, McGill played good combination on the attack, while Kern and MacPhail checked well on the defence. Final score, 31-15.

The line-up:
McGill N.B. Y.M.C.A.
Little.....Home.....Major
Corriveau.....".....Foster
Don Foss.....Centre.....McCoo
Kern.....Defence.....MacDonald
MacPhail.....".....Klein
Referee—Perrault.

later stages of the game.
The line-up:
Reds Whites
Little.....Home.....Foss
Hay.....".....Hyndman
Perrault.....Centre.....Bourke
L. Kern.....Defence.....Lalshley
Seath.....".....Craze
Anthem and "Hail, Alma Mater."

R.V.C. OBTAIN LARGE MARGIN IN FAST GAME

Old Girls Received a Bad Trimming.

RED TEAM ALSO WINS.

Game At Half Time Closely Contested—Harder Than the Score Indicates.

On Saturday afternoon the match between the Old Girls and the R.V.C. team was played off in the High School Gym. On the whole, it was a very fast game.

In the first period the teams seemed fairly well matched, the ball was as much at one end as at the other, but the Old Girls' forwards were plainly out of practice, and although they often secured the ball they made relatively few points. The R.V.C. team naturally showed the best combination, and some splendid passing was done by D. Russell and F. Moody. The Old Girls' team had good wings in Miss Oughtred and Miss Saloman, who, in combination with Miss Spier, often carried the ball down the field with great speed. There was comparatively little fouling. At the end of the first period the score was 18-7 in favor of the R.V.C. team.

In the second period the Old Girls made a spurt and caught up several points. In a short time, however, the ball passed to the R.V.C. team, and the score was rapidly piled up. Then the Old Girls again got the ball and another point was scored. A few minutes later the ball again passed to the R.V.C.s, and from then on the play was mostly in the direction of their basket. Miss Jamie Spier made several very spectacular field shots. When the whistle blew, the score was 34-16.

The Old Girls are to be congratulated on the splendid fight they put up, as they had had very little practice, but played a splendid game throughout. During the intermission a friendly game was played by the second teams. In the first half they seemed very unequal, as the centre of the White team always secured the ball, and, as a general rule, it reached the forwards, who coolly dropped it into the basket. At the end of the first period the score was 10-0 in favor of the Whites.

In the second period the centre of the Red team, Miss Lamb, changed places with Miss Pick, wing, and throughout practically the whole period the ball was at the Red end. The play was very fast, and the Reds soon caught up to their opponents, passed them, and by the end of the period were leading with a score of 20-6.

It is to be hoped that another match between the Old Girls and the R.V.C. team may be arranged for after Christmas, before our team goes to Quebec.

STRATHCONA HALL SING A SUCCESS

Event Much Appreciated By All Present.

There was a large attendance last night at the "Sing" given in Strathcona Hall. The increasing number present at these Sunday evening gatherings does the College much credit. Great interest and earnestness was manifested by all, and those who supplied the music were kept busy answering the calls for many old favorites, which were sung in a way that only collegians can sing. Much laughter was caused by a demand for Hymn 315 — "Home, Sweet Home"—which was immediately under a heading, "Occasional Home," to which some wit added the syllable, "ly." Out-of-town men especially will find these meetings of value, for there is a home-like atmosphere about them, with everyone gathered about a blazing fire, singing hymns which we all know and love.

After several hymns were sung, refreshments were served by the young ladies present, after which a few more songs were sung, and a most enjoyable meeting finished with the "National Anthem and "Hail, Alma Mater."



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MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1919.

The B., W. AND F. SMOKER

Following up the precedent of last year the Boxing, Wrestling and Fencing Club have announced a smoker to be held in the Union to-morrow night. At this affair encounters in the three branches of sport fostered by the club will be staged, and the condition and ability of the men will be well demonstrated.

Boxing, wrestling and fencing are all inter-collegiate sports and the instructors have been sparing no efforts to turn out men who, in the forthcoming assault-at-arms to be held in Kingston, will uphold the traditions and reputation of the Red and White. To those who have been unable to witness the practices in the Union the function to-morrow night will offer an excellent opportunity to see the aspirants to inter-collegiate honors in action.

It would be superfluous to outline the reasons for supporting this smoker. All branches of sport are deserving of the attention and help of every undergraduate at the University, and the best way of exercising that help at present is by turning out, as far as possible, at all practices, exhibition games and smokers held by the various clubs.

No aggregation has been more active during the past few months in supporting the clubs which have been holding smokers and the like, in the Union than the B., W. and F. At each of these affairs either one or two boxing matches and a like number of wrestling bouts have been one of the main attractions and have called forth rounds of applause.

For this, if for no other reason, all who can possibly do so should attend to-morrow night, so that by their presence they may show the B., W. and F. that they appreciate their past efforts and are greatly interested in their future showing in inter-collegiate and other circles.

EDITORIAL NOTE

In the Correspondence column of to-day's paper appears a letter from the Secretary of Hart House, the University of Toronto Union, in which he extends the privilege of the building to members of the McGill Athletic Association who may be in Toronto during the Christmas vacation. McGill welcomes this new expression of the fraternal spirit which exists between the two greatest universities of Canada, not only on the gridiron, track and ice, but also in the social and academic life which follows the combats of the year. Undergraduates of our University will undoubtedly take advantage of this generous offer and will, when the occasion arises, extend a like hospitality to students of Varsity visiting in Montreal.

FIAT JUSTITIA, RUAT COELUM.

It is sincerely to be hoped that the sword will not be sheathed until the claims of what we may call the vestigial races have received satisfaction. Take for one instance only that very interesting people, the Jugo-Magazines. This small but intense nationality is of the highest ethnological importance. Not only its language—the szgruncz—but the principal customs of the race have survived times. While enough has been said to show that a peace conference with a representative of this ancient people would be incompatible with point 7 (a) (ii) (w), of President Wilson's 14 points (third series), and is therefore inadvisable, it is necessary to admit that the choice of their delegate, if it is to be self-determined, will also be difficult. The wandering and exogamic habits of the men, their highly developed national temperament, akin to that of the Albanians, which makes it impossible for any two of them to live (for long) in the same village, has led to a scattered distribution of their families, though it has in nothing abated the fierceness with which the national heart beats in the breasts of those selfmade exiles. Thus, though they have a well-established occupation the

claim dating from 700 B.C., to the hundred square miles of which Vienna is now (roughly) the centre, their 244 existing settlements (if they can be described as such) are scattered between Ramose and Nitzkydorf. In fact, as has been well said by Count Nisolecz-Kaschkau (leader of the east-by-north-east centre party of the Medlovene-Slovac Diet, March-June, 1911), "where there is a Jugo-Magazine there is an ulster."—Nationalist, in the London Nation.

AMAZING DUCILITY OF PLATINUM WIRE.

Platinum is one of the most docile of metals, therefore it is possible to draw it out into wires so fine that they can scarcely be seen. The American Museum of Natural History has a bulletin on platinum, in which it says that a single troy ounce of this metal can be drawn out into a wire about 1,800 miles long, which would stretch from Montreal to Edmonton. The way it is drawn so fine is this: A wire of platinum is coated with gold; this wire is then drawn out into the fineness of the first; again it is coated with gold and again drawn out. This process is repeated as often as necessary, the gold is dissolved and the platinum wire remains.

Correspondence

The Daily is not responsible for the sentiments of letters published in the correspondence columns. Signed communications from graduates, undergraduates and members of the faculties will be placed in print if they are not of too great length.

Correspondents are requested to observe the unwritten law of the newspaper office—that they write upon ONE side of the paper ONLY.

No communication will be admitted in this column without the name of the writer being attached, not necessarily for PUBLICATION.

Toronto, December 4th, 1919.
Secretary of the Athletic Association,
McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir:—

The Athletic Association of this University will be glad to extend the privileges of our gymnasium, pool, etc., to undergraduate members of your association who may be in Toronto during the Christmas vacation. They will also be given the privileges of Hart House, for two weeks as visitors, on being introduced by any of our members.

If any desiring to avail themselves of these privileges will communicate with me when they come to Toronto, I will be glad to arrange the necessary details.

Yours very truly,

T. A. REED,

Secretary.

Dear Sir:—

"Reconstruction" is in the air, and I am glad that amongst the numerous students' activities one of them should take up the urgent problem of bringing together the McGill undergraduates and the Montreal homes, for the greater happiness and benefit of both. Why should this "Entente cordiale" not be left to chance, and why must it be organized? First—Because McGill is too big a body of students, and Montreal a too large agglomeration of homes, for it to be possible to bring the two elements together without using method.

Second—Because without organization the popular Canadian student gets more invitations than he can manage, and the shy man from overseas, who would need them most, gets none. Third—Because student sociability has led to a few disappointments in the past, and both hostesses and guests need perhaps a word of warning so as to avoid them in the future.

Well meaning ladies wishing to expedite their hospitality, have sometimes invited their student friends all in a bunch to an elaborate reception. Although, at the close the young fellows assured their hostess that they had spent a very enjoyable evening, every one of them inwardly regretted that he had not been received without any fuss at that family table he has so long been hungering for! As for his fellow-students he would not mind if one or two was invited with him, but if he wants the whole crowd, he might as well meet them on the Campus, at the Union or the Hall.

What he wanted was to hear the business point of view from that kindly looking paterfamilias, the ticking of the knitting needles, from the motherly looking mother, the little song at the piano from that good-looking girl and the laugh of the baby whom he would be permitted to coddle on his knees. He was craving after home-atmosphere and he got a social function. He was asking for mother's bread and he got a stone!

But the bitterest disappointment came from the other side, and this is how I began to find it out. I was once mentioning to a friend the fact that an intelligent, gentlemanly student had told me that all through four years of medical studies he had never once been invited into a Montreal home. "No wonder," was my friend's remark, "most people who used to invite students, have stopped doing so, since they have found out that students do not appreciate their efforts. I used to invite two or three every Sunday to our family tea. In the absence of the maid I baked the scones, laid the table with appetizing home made dishes, and after church, cheerfully washed the extra cups and saucers. My guests seemed to enjoy our home atmosphere and cooking, and thanked me heartily. But never one of them took the pains of sending me one word of Christmas greetings or so much as a p.p.c. when he left Montreal! I concluded that they were not grateful for my pains, and at the end of that session never invited any man except the personal friends of my sons."

Surely a misunderstanding like this ought not to be allowed to continue. Is there no professional of Canadian etiquette at McGill who could be asked to formulate in a few simple rules by what minimum signs of politeness a man, be he a Professor, a student or any other homeless masculine, should show his appreciation of hospitality received?

In most civilized countries the code would be the following:
Except if invited by telephone, answer by writing a written note. Never miss an accepted invitation, except when found to do so, then apologize by calling or writing after having telephoned. Be punctual, and take leave early. At Christmas time send a polite note of thanks and good wishes. If you send a Christmas card or a visiting card, add a few words in writing. Find out your hostesses' visiting day, and call to see her at least once in the season, or let the little bunch of "habitués" arrange

GREAT WORK BY Y. M. C. A. IN COLOMBO

News From Busy Graduates in Ceylon.

STRIKING FIGURES.

Large Number Of Soldiers and Sailors Are Given Hospitality.

A recent letter from Gordon Brown, Ph.D., a former secretary at Strathcona Hall, now a secretary at the Y. M. C. A. in Colombo, Ceylon, contains some interesting statements regarding the work done in that city. It will be remembered that Mr. Brown and Mr. Murray Brooks are McGill men, who are supported in their present field by the "McGill Mission," in whose work the undergraduate body of the University has a very distinct part.

The Island of Ceylon stands at the gateway of India. It is directly in the path of the traffic from the East and from the West, at the "Crossroads of the Nations"; and is for that reason a strategic position for any organization ambitious to influence the life of India. It's chief city is Colombo, it is the great port of call, through which flows a great surging mass of seeking, questioning humanity.

As elsewhere and everywhere the war brought its extra and exceptional demands upon the workers in Ceylon, and with an inadequate staff they faced the task. A quotation from Mr. Brown's letter indicates something of what was accomplished in one army hut in Colombo during the year ending September 30th:

"More figures cannot tell the story, but at least they give some idea of the extent of the work carried on. Between 70,000 and 75,000 Australians have been served at the hut in one way or another; more than 9,000 sailors have slept in the rooms especially set apart for them by the authorities and under the control of the army secretary; in one week in January over 5,000 meals were served to troops passing through the port; over 21,000 letters were handled during one month—April; more than 5,000 men have been taken on personally conducted tours to Kandy, ancient capital of the Cingalese kings, over one of the most beautiful railroad runs in the world, since that feature of the work was instituted four or five months ago."

Troopships calling at the port sent their men ashore and for hours the "Y" would be surrounded with an eager mob, changing money, buying supplies, writing letters—a familiar and well remembered picture to every man who has served overseas. Sometimes these men were still dressed in winter uniforms, in Colombo seven degrees above the equator.

The city work in Colombo has had its uphill fights. One branch with a well-equipped building was forced to give way for Government granaries, and is struggling to hold together its membership till a new home is provided. Imagine carrying on Y.M.C.A. work in a building with many windows opening on a noisy, dusty street with granaries across the way, a gymnasium immediately above the main room with only a thin board floor between, speakers competing with a basketball game above and the lorries, carts and trains without. But still they carry on with religious and educational programmes; and have succeeded in doing much good social service, especially during the "Flu" epidemic that swept over the city on three separate occasions.

Ceylon, too, has had its local option campaign, which failed by a small margin. The "Y" is hard at work to reverse that margin at the next attempt.

Dr. Brown writes enthusiastically of his personal work which is greatly diversified because of the lack of necessary assistants. He speaks with equal enthusiasm of his prospects of an early marriage to a young lady who had been engaged in similar work in Ceylon. Old friends of his at McGill will be united in their good wishes for his future happiness.

HARVARD ENDOWMENT FUND.

The Harvard Endowment Fund contributions have reached nearly half the goal of \$15,250,000.

upon an evening, inquire if they can call together, and bring their good wishes some time early in January.

Either call personally or send a p.p.c. card before you leave for the summer holidays. Make a more formal good-bye call before you leave at the end of your student career.

I have a friend who in a University town of the States makes a specialty of Church students. "They are ideal guests, so attentive, thoughtful and polite," she said. Surely our Canadian boys can add a little "Old World" polish to their "New World" dash and daring, especially as they already possess that fundamental high mindedness and good breeding that make the true gentleman.

Believe me to be, dear Sir,
Yours truly,
A Friend of the Students.

NOTICES

Members of executives and others are requested to look under this heading for notices of all festivities. Each notice is absolutely official. The Editor will not be responsible for errors in articles unless the time and date are written out in full when they are sent in.

McGILL CANADIAN CLUB.

Dr. Adam Shortt will address the Club on "Canadian Finance" next Wednesday at 5.00 p.m., in Strathcona Hall. Everybody interested is asked to keep this date in mind. Full particulars will appear in the "Daily" in a few days.

Will the students who patronize the Union Cafeteria, and who are remaining in the city during the Christmas holidays, please leave their names with the Hall Porter of the Union.

If a sufficient number of students names are secured to insure the running of the Cafeteria without loss, it will be kept open during the holidays.

COMMERCIAL SOCIETY.

The next meeting of the Commercial Society will take place in the form of a supper in the Cafeteria of the McGill Union, to-day at 8.15 p.m. Members are asked to get their tickets from their class representatives as soon as possible.

TICKETS FOR B. W. AND F. SMOKER.

Tickets are on sale at the Union for the big B. W. and F. Smoker, which will be held to-morrow. As only a limited number of tickets are for sale students are urged to procure their tickets without delay.

RUGBY TEAM PHOTOS.

Photographs of the Senior Rugby Team may be had by the undermentioned men by their calling at Stroud Studio, 729 St. Catherine street West:

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FENCING.

The attention of fencers is drawn to the fact that they must turn up on time—on Mondays the time is always five-thirty p.m. Bring your own towels.

POLO TEAM—ATTENTION.

The following men will represent McGill against Maisonneuve in the polo game to-night. They are asked to meet at the Union at seven-fifteen sharp—without fail.

"Curly" Walters.
Lorne Wiggs.
N. Owens.
F. R. Winters.
W. R. Bastable.
W. Laidley.

BOXING.

The boxing classes will be held to-night in the Union, instead of Wednesday. Advanced section at five-fifteen and beginners at six-fifteen. It is important that everyone should be out as final arrangements will be made for the smoker.

SWIMMERS—POLOISTS.

An important meeting of the swimmin' and polo clubs will be held in the Union on Tuesday afternoon at five-fifteen sharp. All the men who have been actively connected with the clubs will kindly be present, as business concerning inter-collegiate work will be taken up.

CHESS CLUB.

There will be a meeting of the executive of the Chess Club at five-fifteen p.m. to-day (15th), in the Union. All out, as important business is to be discussed.

MANDOLINISTS ATTENTION!

There will be no meeting of the Mandolin Club this evening, owing to the meeting of the Medical Society having been cancelled. There will be no more practices of the Club until after the holidays.

HOCKEY GLOVES.

The pair of hockey gloves which were advertised as lost in the "Daily," have been found and are at present in the "Daily" office awaiting a claimant.

Medicine 1st year will meet Commerce '22 to-day at 6.30 p.m. Science '22 will play Medicine '22 to-day at 5.45 p.m. Both games will be played in the High School Gymnasium, 725 University street (North entrance). Rubber soled shoes are to be worn.

It is essential that Juniors show the utmost expedition in having their photographs taken. The Executive of the Annual had no little trouble in making the necessary arrangements with Notman. It is up to the Juniors to facilitate the production of their Annual.

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In the spring of 1917, the library work was organized and a committee appointed by the society to manage it. The main financial support has come from the Alumnae Society—\$1,150 of the money raised by the public lectures held during the past three winters under the auspices of the society at the Royal Victoria College having been given for the support of our libraries, and \$426 donated by societies and friends. Because of the many donations of books, furniture, stationery, etc., this money has been sufficient to pay our expenses.

With the co-operation of the military authorities, our first library was established at the Drummond Street Hospital in April, 1917, where a large room was allotted us. One side of the room is covered with shelves put up by the hospital authorities; books, donated or bought, placed on the shelves; and the room made comfortable with suitable furniture, presented by societies or bought with our money. All books and magazines are stamped with our stamp—"McGill Alumnae Library"—and a modification of the system used at McGill University used for cataloguing. No charge is made for the use of these books. After the man has chosen his book, the card is taken from a pocket in back of book, signed by him, and given to the librarian in charge. The date is stamped beside the name and card placed in card-tray. When the book is returned, the date is stamped on reader's name, the card put back in pocket, and the book replaced on the shelves. This system has been, and is still, followed in all our libraries.

Although this hospital has passed from the military to the control of the Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment, our work is carried on in the same quarters. A librarian is in attendance certain hours each day when the shelves are open and books may be secured. At no other time and in no other way can men obtain books. Often soldier-patients are awaiting the arrival of the librarian in order to exchange books. On late arrival of librarian one morning recently, a patient explained: "Oh! Sister, I thought you were never coming, and you know I must have my book each morning!" And he does actually read one book a day!

On a large table in the centre of the

room, current magazines are always to be found. For this hospital we subscribe to 8 magazines—925 books are on the shelves. Three writing tables, with all necessary equipment supplied by us, are here for the free use of the men. Twice a week the wards are visited and books taken to patients confined to bed. The smiles on the faces of some of these men as the books are brought to them more than repay for the work entailed.

In all, we have established nine libraries, and are at present conducting six. The work at the Grey Nunnery was carried on until the fire of February, 1918. Bi-weekly library service was continued in the military wards at the Montreal General Hospital until these were vacated and again used for civilians, in March, 1919. For the few months—January to May, 1919—when the Presbyterian College was used for the soldier-patients, we supplied all books needed. The books from these three libraries, disbanded in June of this year, were used for the establishment of libraries in three other hospitals for our returned men—the Military Annex (the home for tubercular patients in the city), the Mount Royal, and the Dorchester. Many of these unfortunate patients, who may probably be there for the remainder of their lives, are unable to handle books, and for their benefit we subscribe to lighter magazines. One of the committee makes weekly visits to these hospitals and one of the hospital staff acts as librarian.

In February, 1918, we inaugurated at the Royal Victoria Hospital a war service similar to that conducted at the Montreal General Hospital. Twice each week the military wards there have been, and are now being, visited by two workers. Books chosen from the 445 volumes in our cupboards are placed in trays made for the purpose and taken from bed to bed. An incident happened recently in this hospital which might be cited as evidence of the benefit derived from books. One soldier-patient was found very down-hearted, and after a few minutes' conversation it was learned that an operation awaited him the following day, and this he dreaded exceedingly. It was suggested that perhaps if he took one of the books and read it he might for a time forget his trouble. A thrilling tale was chosen and signed for, and the following week his thanks were most profuse, the reading of this book having mitigated mental and physical suffering.

The library where the most important work is now being done is that established in January, 1919, at the Military Hospital, St. Anne de Bellevue. At first, the books had to be kept in cupboards in the dining room, but since the building of the recreation wing, we have been most comfortably settled in a large room allotted to us. This room has been furnished and equipped on the same lines as that at Drummond Street Hospital—or, as it has recently been named by His Royal Highness, "The Prince of Wales Hospital." There are 1,162 English and 169 French books on the shelves, and we subscribe to 11 magazines.

When organizing this branch of our work at St. Anne's, the impossibility of daily attendance of one of our voluntary workers—as all are—was realized by the committee, and the difficulty was submitted to the Commanding Officer. We have been most fortunate in having him appoint as permanent librarian one of the nursing staff connected with McGill—Miss Claire Harrington—who, though under military authority, receives orders for library work and supplies from the committee. The librarian is in attendance daily from 9 to 5, when books are given out to men able to be around,

OWING TO THE PRESSURE OF WORK DURING EXAMS. MACDONALD NEWS WILL BE DISCONTINUED THIS WEEK.

and three times a week the wards are visited and books taken to bed-patients. On an average 110 books are given out daily and about the same number returned. The demand for standard writers, books of travel, scientific and technical works is this library is amazing.

That it may be realized how this work is appreciated, not only by patients but highly valued by officials, it may be stated that recently a handsome donation, given to one in authority to be used as he considered most beneficial for the patients, was handed over to us to be expended on the latest novels as well as non-fiction. It would have greatly encouraged supporters and workers, and made all feel more than repaid for money, time and energy spent in this work to have heard the mother of one of the patients, with tears in her eyes, say to the librarian: "Sister, you have saved my son's life, for he never could have endured the sufferings he has been through without the aid of your books."

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A STately HOME.

One of the finest of the "stately homes of England," Montacute, in Somersetshire, has lost its owner, in the person of Mr. William Phillips, whose death has occurred at his London residence, 18 Brompton square. Montacute, which has been let for some time to Lord Curzon of Kedleston, was built by Sir Edward Phillips—who was Master of the Rolls and Speaker of the House of Commons in the days of Queen Elizabeth—and begun in 1580, was finished in 1601. Over the principal entrance is the carved motto: "Through this wide opening gate None come too early, none return too late."

One of the features of the house is the hall, with a minstrel gallery; the picture gallery is said to be haunted, and a secret closet used to be a hiding place. There is a remarkable stone staircase, reaching from the ground floor to the top of the house and leading to what is probably the longest room in a private house, being 185 feet from one end to the other, with a fine oval window at either end. During the Civil Wars Montacute was occupied by Cromwell and his Ironsides, and he is said to have amused himself by throwing the furniture out of the windows.

MAYNARD SUMMONED FOR BOOZE SPEECH.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Lieut. B. W. Maynard, "Flying Parson," was ordered today by the War Department to appear Monday before Major General Charles T. Menoher, director of air service, to explain his alleged statement that some of the fatal accidents in the transcontinental air derby were caused by use of liquor.

Menoher will question Maynard privately, first, to determine whether his case should be brought before a board of inquiry, which would recommend a court martial is necessary. There were seven fatalities in the transcontinental flight, and none of these was due to use of intoxicants by the victims, according to the air service.

Maynard is now at Savannah, Ga., on leave. His alleged remarks about use of liquor were circulated by the Anti-Saloon League.

"THE EXCELSIOR" IGNORES NEW YORK TELEPHONE SERVICE.

"The Excelsior" states that M. Abraham, a French scientist, and General Ferris have introduced an improvement in wireless telephony which proved most valuable to the French aviation service during the war. The paper predicts that within a short time it will be possible to telephone from France to America.—Westminster Gazette.

THOSE ASTONISHING ANTIPODES.

It is a common thing for women to assume the duties of motherhood before eighteen. Occasionally men do so.—Brisbane (Queensland) Daily Standard.

GET A DORMITORY.

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Allen—I can't find it.

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HISTORIANS HEAR PAPERS ON TREATIES

(Continued.)

It cannot be said that in its territorial arrangements the Congress followed either the principle of legitimacy or any other single principle; indeed, as it was more or less inevitable, it largely followed Napoleonic precedent. This applies to the establishment of "buffer-states," such as the Netherlands and Sardinia; to the extinction of republican governments and aristocratic political corporations. Nor did the Congress show itself more readily moved than Napoleon by considerations of nationality. The great historic wrong done to that principle by the partition of Poland was not undone at Vienna. Austria was allowed to consolidate her sway over a large part of Italy; Finland was left under Russian dominion; Norway was severed from Denmark, to which it was bound by ties of language as well as by other associations. Historic antagonisms and antipathies were treated with as scant regard as were differences of nationality. Catholic Belgium was united with Protestant Holland; Genoa was subjected to her ancient foe, the House of Savoy; and Sicily, which, when in union with Naples had possessed a separate constitution, was now once more joined to her with a single despotic government. But on the whole, a business-like spirit predominated in the territorial dispositions of the Congress; violent transfers of sovereign power were avoided, as far as possible, and there was little of that juggling of thrones and principalities which had been habitual with Napoleon. There was, however, a great deal of favoritism in the distribution, to the advantage of petty potentates whom he great sovereigns desired to oblige, and little appreciation of the claims of nationalities.

At the time of the Congress the belief was growing up in favor of popular representative constitutions, but it was repugnant to nearly all phases of continental conservatism and especially to Austria. Even Austria, however, made no objections to constitutions outside her own dominions. "The Final Act" itself guaranteed the Germanic constitution, which in one of its clauses announced that representative constitutions would be granted in each of the States of the Confederation. It also declared the participation of the Baltic Provinces of the Netherlands in the constitutional rights of the Dutch, while it protected the national institutions of the Poles who had become subjects of the Russian, Prussian and Austrian governments, respectively (conferred a constitution on the republic of Cracow), and secured representative rights to Genoa on its annexation to Sardinia. Elsewhere, in Norway, in Spain, and in France itself, the Great Powers were understood to approve the status of constitutions which they and the Congress were not guaranteed to approve.

That the Congress of Vienna was chargeable with shortcomings, omissions, mistakes and failures; that some of its creations, like the union of Belgium and Holland, proved of very brief duration, while others, like the Germanic Confederation, were more and more loudly decried; that the aspirations which its settlement failed to satisfy found vent in conflicts, in conspiracies, in insurrections from which no part of the period ending with the revolutionary outbreak of 1848 remained wholly free—all this is as true as it was inevitable. But to make the Congress the scapegoat of the troubles which marred the general peace and prosperity of the next thirty years is to overlook several considerations. In the first place, the task of the Congress was limited by the terms of its commission, while it must in candour be allowed to have rendered substantial services to the extension of intercourse between European states and to the progress of human civilization. Secondly, if the commission of the Congress was restricted, so was its real power. Amid the clash of divergent interests, compromise was the only alternative to coercion or war; and this was clearly seen by the representatives of the Great Powers, who virtually controlled the situation. Spain openly defied them, while the conflict over the Saxo-Polish difficulty almost resulted in war. The results actually obtained by the Congress could only have been accomplished by means of patient argument, resourceful diplomacy and a judicious display of firmness.

What the Congress, with such limits and restrictions, actually did achieve was not only to restore a number of princes to the dominions formerly held by themselves, and to revive the independent existence of a number of states which had been subjected to an alien rule, to furnish fresh securities for the reorganized political system of Europe by instituting federal union of the states of Germany, strengthening that of the cantons of Switzerland, and opening a prospect of constitutional life for a number of European peoples; to rescue a large and unfortunate section of humanity from the indefinite endurance of a cruel and wicked abuse; and to add not a few further provisions favorable to the principle of tolerance, and to that of freer and more frequent intercourse between the nations. It did

more than this. It built up for Europe a territorial system which had some doubtful points and some unmistakable defects, and for which permanency could not be hoped any more than for any other set of human devices. It re-established a real balance of power in Europe, if this expression be understood to mean that every security was provided against the violent disturbance of the peace of Europe by any one power, or by any actual existing or probable combination of powers; an augmented Austria Empire; a stronger and more thoroughly German Prussia, and a Germanic Confederation whose conditions showed in some respects an unmistakable advance on those of the old Empire, furnished guarantees for the security of Continental Europe against Russia as well as against France. The result achieved by the Congress may fairly be described as a settlement which, though open to many criticisms, and in many respects inadequate, on the whole fairly met both the commission it had received and the demands that could be made upon its efforts. The method which it exemplified in dealing with the affairs of Europe, though likewise full of imperfections, yet deserved to be called the best and most expeditious hitherto devised by her statesmen in the common interest of her peace.

WANTED — EDITORIAL WRITER.

From the New York News.

Mr. "Jimmy" Montague, our editorial writer, has given us notice. Whether he is leaving to get married or to better himself he did not say. Anyway, we feel it only just and right to tell the world that he is leaving of his own accord and that he gave the fullest satisfaction while in our employ. We are glad to give him a reference of the highest character. He is sober, honest, efficient, does not go out nights (very much), and is fond of children and dogs. Now we have to fill his place, and on account of the war and the immigration laws editorial writers are very hard to get this year and terribly independent. There was a time when help of this kind was glad to get \$9 a week and do all their work contentedly in a little coop under the iron stairs between the third and fourth floors, but where are those days? They're gone for evermore.

The editorial writer we get must have one policy of his own. It is well expressed by Decatur at the head of this column. We aren't Bolshevik, but we aren't reactionary either. We are progress as fast as we can digest it all the time. We believe in a steady leveling process—levelling up. None of us has any political axes to grind, shall the editorial writer ever be asked to play any personal politics. This may be considered a written guarantee to that effect.

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Editorial writing is harder than reporting. It is easier to find a star reporter than a star editorial writer. While reporting requires perception, editorial writing requires reflection, which is much rarer. Few reporters agree with this, but they are wrong. As one who has had considerable experience in hiring both kinds of talent, we affirm that it is harder to get a good editorial writer than a good reporter.

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"You are all just like me," said Goosey.
"We're all just like Papa," they quacked. "Ha, ha, just like Papa."
"Geese, children," said their papa severely, "it is not a joke to be like your Papa. It's an honor."
"Quack, quack, it's an honor to be like Papa," they said.
"You should know that without being told," said Goosey.
"We should know that without being told," quacked the little geese.
"Dear me, quack, quack," said Goosey. "My children are more like geese than ducks. They are silly and stupid."
"You said we took after you, Papa," they quacked.
"Silence, children," said Goosey. "No impertinence, if you please."
So they all kept very quiet and looked very well behaved while their father settled himself by the bank of the pond and began to speak to them.
"I am not exactly one thing and I am not exactly another," he began, and one of the children was just about to say that he had told them that before, when one of the others stopped him just in time.
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Renewed Clashes in Peking and Tientsin Between Schools and Police.

The beginning of the school year in Peking and Tientsin was marked by renewed clashes between the police authorities and the students in revolt. At the present time things are just beginning to calm down sufficiently to permit of a return to school routine. Both cities had their own particular problems to deal with; but in each case trouble was caused by the over-confidence and exuberance of the students on the one side, after their victory of last spring and determination to carry on their patriotic campaign for the coming year, while on the other side, the government officials were over-anxious to "get the jump" on the student organizers over any issue that might cause a conflict.

During the second week of school in September, the students of middle and higher schools in Tientsin called a strike to protest against the acts of the police commissioner, Yang I-Teh, and to demand his dismissal from office. The commissioner was newly appointed last June, after the students had dispersed, and his appointment at the time was said to be a direct affront to patriotic organization which protested against his holding office.

Commissioner Yang is a military man, hand in glove with the militarists, and has a record of high-handed dealings in his former office as commissioner in Tientsin several years ago and in other posts. Daily demonstrations were held in September by the striking students. Lectures were held in the streets, and pamphlets distributed to inform the people as to the cause of the protest. Many students were arrested and held without bail under threat of summary punishment.

Finally the civil Governor of the province, Tsao Jui, made a special visit to Tientsin to deal with the situation. He reported that after receiving his promises to set free their comrades in jail, the students were returning to school, while Yang I-Teh continued in office. Heads of schools in the city were ordered to keep their students in the class-rooms hereafter and not to allow student mass-meetings to be held. The principals, who have in most parts of the country remained neutral during the difficulties, replied as usual that they were unable to carry out these orders; but the orders stand.

Sympathetic demonstrations against Commissioner Yang occurred on a small scale in Peking during early October, but no general school strike was declared. Suddenly without warning the authorities issued an order to the school principals all over the city to surrender for arrest every student who had been in the strike. The order was received with astonishment in Peking. School heads met and declared that they were unable to carry out the order. It was even rumored that a revolt of the military against carrying out the command was imminent. People wondered why such an attempt should be made in view of the government's failure last spring to stop demonstrations by wholesale arrests and their final defeat and setting free of the students. At any rate, the effect upon the students was instantaneous. A second strike was immediately declared, and backed by the guilds of the city and the commercial clubs, the students protested en masse against the government act. A few students were arrested, and a few days later the city was stirred by a rumor from government circles that all arrested students would be held for indefinite sentences or deported from the province.

At this point, however, matters were taken out of the hands of the police officials. Wang Chu Sen, Commissioner of Education, who, although a man of conservative tendencies, politically has shown a desire all along to confer and agree as far as possible with representatives of the teachers and students, called a conference with the student leaders. A compromise was reached by which it was agreed that arrested students should be neither held without bail nor deported, the their comrades would return to school. Shortly after this it was rumored that the new Premier would transfer Yang I-Teh from Tientsin to head the Peking police force—a move quite in line with the government party's policy of changing officials from one post to another before they become too obnoxious in a certain office.

It is now hoped that the students will return to work steadily in Peking. It is also hoped by liberal-minded folks that they will be able to carry out plans made during the summer, which the autumn disturbances upset. Prominent among these plans of the student societies is a scheme made with the guild and merchant representatives for utilizing the industrial school plant as a night school for workmen and artisans, where they may be taught new and modern methods of work and may obtain elementary instruction in modern business methods. Two thousand students had enrolled for the work of teaching these night classes, and the guilds had started organizing groups of student workers. If the government tries to break up these plans, student leaders declare, all the influence of organized labor interests and "big business" in Peking and north China will rise against the government.

R.V.C. NOTES

R. V. C. SENIORS.
The class of R. V. C. '20 is invited to the regular meeting of the Alumnae Society on Tuesday, Dec. 16th, at four p.m. in the R.V.C.
Miss Enid Price will speak on "Women's occupations in Montreal during War Period."
This will be very interesting to all members of the graduating class, and a lay representative is hoped for at the meeting.
Tea at three forty-five.

GOOD BASKETBALLS GAME ON SAT'Y

First Year Med. Trimmed First Year Arts To Tune Of 26-22.

First Year Medicine defeated First Year Arts in a very interesting and closely contested basketball game, on Saturday, at the "Y." The play was keenly contested, as the score indicates. Little, of Medicine, and Mendelsohn, of Arts, were the outstanding players in the game, each man tallying 15 points. Schwartzman also played a good steady game at defence. The final score was: Med. 26; Arts, 22. Art. Walsh and C. Quackenbush were the officials.

The line-up and individual scores were:

Med.	Arts
Dempsey..... 2	Mmaron..... 3
Tarpe..... 7	Mendelsohn..... 15
Altner..... 0	Reid..... 4
Little..... 15	Schwartzman..... 15
Brown..... 0	Win..... 0
Kaufman..... 0	Woodhouse..... 0
Hilton..... 2	

HOSPITALITY FOR OUT-OF-TOWNERS

Committee Hard At Work On Popular Scheme.

The members of the McGill Y.M.C.A. Hospitality Committee have not been idle since the launching of their scheme for the benefit of out-of-town students. Up to the present they have been busily occupied catering to the needs of many of the men who have seen fit to take advantage of the kindness of the residents of Montreal.

As has been stated before, this "Hospitality Scheme" offers unequalled opportunities for students to become acquainted with people outside of College, and also affords a pleasant break in the monotony of "board and room" existence. Accordingly, all those who are remaining in the city over the holidays, and who would care to be entertained over the week-end, or any of those who would wish a real home-cooked Christmas Dinner, are most cordially invited to interview the secretary at Strathcona Hall. He will be present in Room E, next Friday or Saturday, between the hours of six and eight.

This is a move in the right direction on the part of Montrealers who wish to become known to McGill men. Come on, fellows. Don't let any false pride hinder you from taking advantage of this unusual privilege.

SEARCH FOR CONTINENTS.

Two years ago Prof. William Alanson Bryan, of the department of zoology and geology, College of Hawaii, made a trip from Honolulu to the Philadelphia Museum of Natural History, taking with him a collection of fresh-water shells from Hawaii. He compared his Hawaiian shells with a collection gathered from the Eastern Islands and Juan Fernandez, where, incidentally, Alexander Selkirk, former buccaneer, lived four lonely years and is held to have become the "original" of Robinson Crusoe, and the comparison convinced him that a great continent had sometime sunk under the Pacific and left its highest points projecting as islands above the surface. The news comes from Chile that Professor Bryan has arrived at Valparaiso on his way to verifying or disproving his theory by a more thorough examination of the fresh-water shells of the Pacific Islands, beginning with Juan Fernandez and the Eastern Islands and including Australia, and the islands of the South Seas. The quest of a lost continent always has a strong appeal to imagination; and the verification of the thought that such a continent lies under the Pacific will be apparently in proving beyond the reasonable doubt of other zoologists and geologists that all these islands were once united and part of a single body of land with fresh-water shells in common that couldn't possibly have been transferred from island to island.

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MEETING OF CHESS CLUB TO BE HELD

Will Be Third Meeting Since Re-Organization.

HANDICAP GAMES.

Players Divided Into Groups For Games After Christmas.

The University Chess Club, which was inactive during the war, will hold its third meeting since reorganization to-night at the Union. By the enthusiasm shown at the previous meetings, a successful season is assured, and the club bid fair to be more popular than ever before.

At a meeting of the executive it was decided that a handicap tournament be held immediately after the holidays in order that the members may become better acquainted and that players of all classes will have a chance to meet.

In the meantime, to assist in assigning handicaps, a temporary handicap list has been prepared. The players have been divided into six groups. Players in Group A will give a handicap of the first order to players in Group B, and of fifth order to players in Group F. Players in Group B will give a handicap of the first order to players in Group C, and so on.

The handicaps are as follows:

1. King's bishop's pawn and first move.
2. King's bishop's pawn and two consecutive moves to count as first move.
3. Knight.
4. Rook.
5. Two minor pieces.

These handicaps will prevail to-night, and it is hoped that everyone who possibly can will be present, so that errors in the handicap list can be corrected.

In addition to these matches, Dr. Maas has kindly consented to play six consecutive matches. The following players from Groups C, D and E will play Dr. Maas: Carlwright (C), Gauthier (E), Harris (D), Held (C), Hunter (C), Webster (C). Handicaps are not given in this match.

The following is the temporary grouping:

A—Dr. Davies, Dr. Eve, Dr. Maas, Prof. Smith, Green, McNaughton, Rothschild.

B—Dr. Eddy, Brault, Demers, Duberger, Enzer, Glickman, Greaves.

C—Dr. Dounes, Held, Hunter, Jordan, Kavanagh, Silverman, Webster, Carlwright.

D—Brandes, Cowan, Davidson, Goldman, Harris, Mulloy, Routtenbery.

E—Christol, Des Hoovers, Gauthier, Kaufman, Seyer, Shklar, White.

F—Cooper, Kitzman, Labelle, Macaulay, Peterson, Singer, Tomlinson, Willis.

All these men are requested to turn out on time so that this meeting may be a record in the history of the club. Members will remember that on account of the shortage of chessmen, players are asked to bring their own.

THE BOOTBLACK'S REFLECTIONS.

The London Bootblack did a roaring trade during the war. But things are not quite as busy now that the Canadians, Australians and New Zealanders are no more wanting shoe-shines at any time of night or day. And so the bootblack stands patiently by his box and brushes hoping for customers. He is quite willing to converse with anybody who has the time to listen to him, though street corners by the big railway stations—Charing Cross, Victoria—are too bustling for real conversation. But while diving for pennies to pay for getting your shoes cleaned, there is time to hear the bootblack's remarks on the falling off not so much of his own prospects (he is a cheerful soul) but of boot leather. Hardly worth cleaning now, the boots aren't, to his way of thinking. And when the war was on they were something like boots—good government leather—good boots and many of them while the war lasted—but now! Yes, it was a good war for the London bootblack. Good wishes to him for the future.

ETHER TO GO?

Sir Oliver Lodge calls the demonstration of the Einstein theory of light the death knell of ether. Ether will not be missed. The difficulty of getting on without it in the hypotheses governing activities in interstellar and interatomic space made it a reliance of the physicists, but a tenuous one at best. The new departure in physical theory that does away with it will not leave anything very definite to toss on the scrap heap.

In its place we shall perhaps have a conception of space modified as to the attributes. Sooner or later the millennium of the intellect will be reached by that route, it may be, and we shall be able to posit a universe of which the reason can conceive.

If that stage comes, it will quite as likely be reached through discarding other of the outworn meditates of philosophic conception along with ether, as through the multiplication of self-insoluble factors.

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HIGHWAY ENGINEERING.

The University of Michigan has established a chair of highway engineering, headed by Prof. Arthur H. Blanchard, who was formerly head of the same department in Columbia University, New York City. With Professor Blanchard from New York City to Ann Arbor has gone the Charles Henry Davis library on highway engineering, said to be the largest ensemble of books, pamphlets, and periodicals on this subject. This library is now owned and supported by the National Highway Association of the United States, of which Professor Blanchard is president.

DIPLOMATIC LITERATURE.

Mexico has had another "solemn warning" from Washington. The library down there will have to be enlarged to hold them all; that is, if the Mexican government thinks they are worthy of preservation.—Omaha Bee

SCIENCE '14 HAS REUNION DINNER

Forty Members Re-assembled At Place Viger Hotel on Saturday Night.

Saturday evening last the Place Viger Hotel was the scene of a most successful informal reunion dinner of the class of Science '14. Some forty members, engaged in all branches of engineering and commercial activity, re-assembled in the same old spirit of enthusiasm and camaraderie which characterized the undergraduate life. The guest of honor was Mr. H. H. Grimsdale. An enjoyable evening was spent, in the course of which a class meeting was held, and the following officers elected for the coming year:

President—R. E. Jamieson.
Vice-President—J. S. Hall.
Sec.-Treasurer—J. Charles Day.
The executive was instructed, in dealing with all matters pertaining to the activities of the class, to co-operate with the recently reorganized Graduates' Society.

It is intended to hold a dance toward the end of January, thereby providing an opportunity for the many Benedicts of the class to introduce to its circle the new honorary members.

COMMUTING TO THE WAR.

The war is over, but war stories are still coming in. The Woman thinks that she heard one of the best the other day. She was on top of a bus letting her thoughts wander idly as she enjoyed a sunny day. Suddenly the voices of two men seated directly back of her came distinctly to her ears. She remembered having noticed that they were in uniform as she passed them on her way to her seat.

"What I minded most when I was over there," one voice was saying, "was that I couldn't see my family."
"That's so," agreed his companion. "Gee, those French chaps had it easy. Lots of 'em had homes right near where the boys were stationed, and say, they tried to get home every little while."

"Pretty soft, I say," put in the first voice. "Why, I know a Frenchy who lived so near he commuted to the war."
The woman joined in the laughter of the lads and she continued to chuckle at intervals all the way up town at "the prize war story."

AT TIME AND A HALF FOR OVERTIME.

The demands they (labor) put forth included a minimum wage and a 44 hours week.—London Evening Standard